

Appl. N . 09/377,740  
Amendment dated January 15, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of December 30, 2003

**Remarks**

Claims 15-19 and 24-26 are pending in the application, with claims 15 and 24 being the independent claims. Claims 1-14 had previously been canceled, and claims 20-23 are canceled by the present amendment.

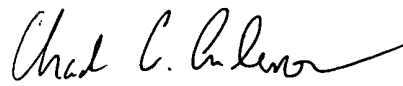
**The indication that claims 15-19 and 24-26 are allowed is gratefully noted. The cancellation of claims 20-23 should place the application in condition for allowance.**

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

A Notice of Allowance with claims 15-19 and 24-26 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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